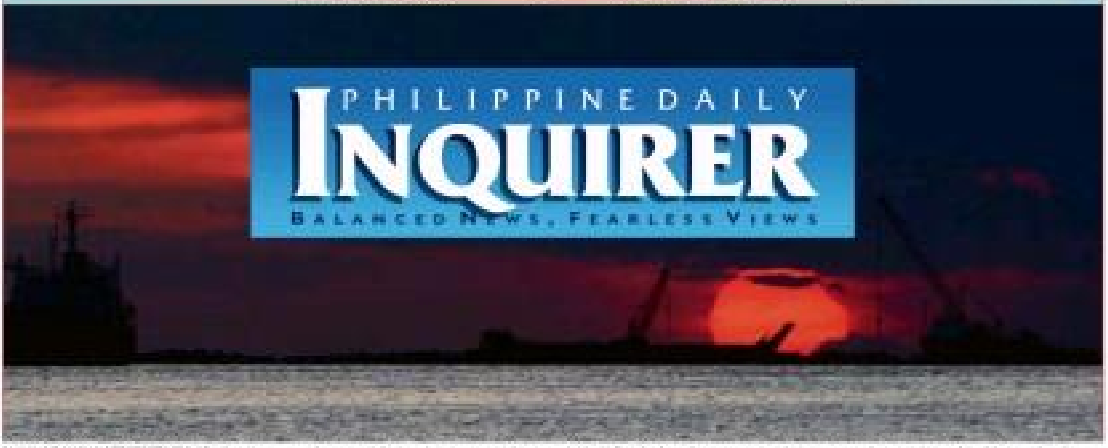
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



MANILA BAY SUNSET SPECTACULAR Despite overcast skies, a partial solar eclipse is seen at 4:04 p.m. over Manila Bay. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, thereby totally or partially obscuring earth's view of the sun. (More photos on Page A3)

Bodies rot; Haitians mad

Desperate victims use corpses as roadblocks

PORT-AU-PRINCE—DESPERATE Haitians used corpses to set up roadblocks as anger and despair at the trickle of aid mounted on Friday and rotting bodies littered the streets after a massive earthquake killed tens of thousands of people.

The International Red Cross estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's cataclysmic earthquake. The Haitian Red Cross said it believed 3 million more—one third of Haiti's population—were hurt or left homeless by the 7.0-magnitude quake.

Haitian-born rap star Wyclef Jean called it "the apocalypse."

"We spent the day picking up dead bodies, all day that's what we did," he told Fox News. "There's so much bodies in the streets that the morgues are filled up, the cemeteries are filled up."

More than 48 hours after the disaster, tens of thousands of people clamored for food and water and help while digging out relatives still missing under the rubble.

Shaul Schwarz, a photographer for TIME magazine, said he saw at least two downtown roadblocks formed with bodies of earthquake victims and rocks.

Angry survivors staged the protest at the sluggish distribution of aid to the traumatized victims.

"They are starting to block the roads with bodies. It's getting ugly out there. People are

BODIES A4



OUT OF THE DEPTHS Two-year-old Redjeson Hausteen Claude is happy to see his mother, after he is rescued Thursday from a collapsed home by Belgian and Spanish rescuers. Despairing, searching relatives hope and pray to duplicate this miracle in the ruins.

Voices boost hopes 3 RP soldiers alive

By Jocelyn R. Uy
In Manila
and Nestor Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

VOICES AND TAPPING SOUNDS HEARD from the rubble of a Haiti hotel yesterday lifted the hopes of the Armed Forces of the Philippines that three of its missing soldiers were alive and awaiting rescue.

Two days after the fierce temblor that flattened Haiti, Filipino peacekeepers in the ...

VOICES A4

'Pearly a fighter, has no time for herself'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—PEARLY LOST her father in 2007 and her fiance in 2008. And now the family breadwinner is missing in Haiti.

"My daughter is a strong person and I know she will never give up. With all the trials she has gone through, I know she'll keep up until the rescue team locates her."

That's the mother of Nancy Perly Dil... on 3 Pearly Damangel talking, expressing conviction that her 31-year-old daughter, who is among the Filipino peacekeepers trapped under the rubble of Christopher Hotel in Haiti, would be found alive.

"She hardly has time to pursue her own happiness," the mother tearfully lamented. "If there's anyone in our

PEARLY A6

Comelec OKs 144 groups for 57 party-list House seats

By Kristine L. Alave

SO MANY FOR SO FEW.

A total of 144 party-list groups will vie for limited reserved seats in the House of Representatives in the May 10 national elections.

The Commission on Elections en banc yesterday approved the participation of 144 party-list organizations in the elections to the House of Representatives.

They will be contesting 57 party-list seats out of a total of 287 House seats in the next Congress.

Included in the approved party-list groups is Ang Ladlad, a gay rights group whose application for party-list accreditation was rejected by the Comelec last month.

Ladlad appealed the Comelec ruling

COMELEC A6

Kris to critics: It's domestic not political issue

By Marinel R. Cruz
and Nancy C. Carvajal

PLEASE KEEP NOYNOY OUT OF IT.

Showbiz celebrity Kris Aquino, youngest sister of presidential candidate Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III said she has taken offense that her brother was being "politically attacked" for a "domestic issue that does not even involve him directly."

"Why is the issue being used as a political weapon against my brother?"

KRIS A11

Haiti quake prods RP to gird for 'Big One'

By Jocelyn R. Uy,
Jeannette I. Andrade
and Michael Lim Ubac

DISASTER OFFICIALS YESTERday claimed preparations to make Metro Manila "seismically sound" are in progress.

The enormity of the suffering in quake-devastated Haiti has highlighted the similar risks faced by Metro Manila should the "Big One" happen here, as the experts have been predicting.

The preparations are being made on many levels, starting

HAITI A5

Palace: Ampatuans lucky gov't didn't nuke them

By TJ Burgonio

DROPPED LIKE A HOT POTATO? THEY SHOULD feel lucky.

Malacañang yesterday bristled at the remarks of a lawyer of the powerful Ampatuans assailing President Macapagal-Arroyo for

PALACE A4



₱9.5-B St. Luke's goes Global today

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WAS SET TO lead at 10 a.m. today the inauguration of the second branch of her favorite hospital, St. Luke's Medical Center in Bonifacio Global City, which sits on 1.6 hectares along 32nd Street at The Fort in Taguig City.

Should she be confined for her usual medical checkup at the hospital, the President will enjoy all the comforts of home, not to mention the privacy of a ₱50,000-a-day presidential suite, which is six times the size of a private room and has its own Jacuzzi.

If she wants to elude the media as she is wont to do, she can drop in unannounced using the hospital's new feature—a helipad.

The new hospital opened its doors today and boasts state-of-the-art medical equipment, and yes, four levels of parking enough to accommodate 1,200 cars.

Three times bigger than St. Luke's QC (Quezon

P9.5-B ST. LUKE'S A7



WORLD CLASS St. Luke's Global City has 629 rooms, 400 doctors' clinics, four levels of parking for 1,200 cars and a presidential suite with a Jacuzzi and guest room.

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FrontPage



APPOINTING A CHIEF JUSTICE

It's about SC, not GMA–DOJ chief

CONTENDING THAT IT WAS NOTHING ELSE OTHER THAN THE need to complete the court, Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera yesterday said she had already called on the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) to draw up its list of nominees to replace Chief Justice Reynato Puno, who is to retire on May 17.

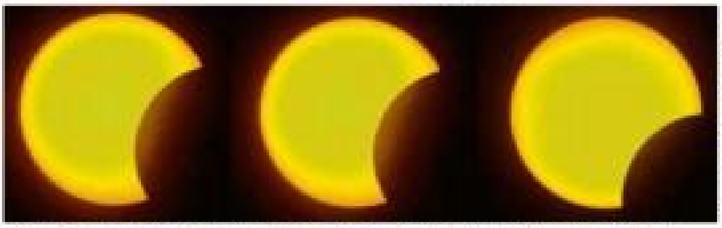
Deciding on Monday

No impediment

Noynoy's warning draws cheers, jeers

Not ill-advised

Big blunder



SUNSET ECLIPSE

Mild quake jolts Davao

WHO'S VETELLANO ACOSTA?

Nuisance no more, except to Noynoy

By Kristine L. Alave and TJ Burgonio

Sinister scheme

Old gimmick

Mastermind

More interesting

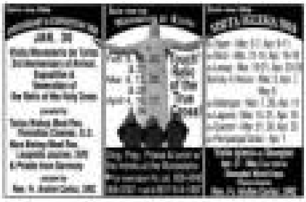
LTO: No order yet to refund RFID payments

THE LAND TRANSPORTATION Office (LTO) will not return the money of motorists who were issued radio frequency identification (RFID) tags, unless ordered to do so by the Supreme Court or Malacañang.

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Senate pressed on immigration bill

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Seizure of fuel imports to cause shortage—Shell

By Abigail L. Ho

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DOJ dismisses smuggle raps vs 'Diamond Queen'

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Condo raid

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Aringo; 80

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The Daily Gospel

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CHEERS TO GOOD HEALTH!

St. Luke's Medical Center Global City Opens

Philips Healthcare congratulates St. Luke's Medical Center as it opens its new state-of-the-art facility at the Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.



Philips Healthcare is a proud partner of St. Luke's Medical Center in bringing quality medical service to the Philippines and the world. The new facility houses cutting-edge healthcare equipment from Philips, including:

- **Achieva 3.0T**
  A powerful, patient friendly, compact 3T whole body MRI system with a large 50 cm FOV, offering the comfort and ease of use of a 1.5T.
- **Brilliance 256 iCT**
  Philips Brilliance 256 iCT platform features Philips Essence and intelligent Technologies. This technology can provide detailed and clear 3D images of an entire organ, including the heart and brain. Expect key clinical insights for a wide range of applications in radiology and cardiology.
- **Gemini TF64 with Time of Flight**
  This is the first system to feature time-of-flight imaging and provides a revolutionary advance in PET/CT performance.





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'Pearly a fighter, has no time for herself,' says mom





Breadwinner

Scant news

Comelec OKs 144 groups for 57 party-list House seats

Nominees publicized

20% of seats reserved

Formula changed

₱9.5-B St. Luke's goes Global today



DOCTORS led by heart surgeon Dr. Raymond Cortez simulate an operation at the main operating room of the new St. Luke's hospital.



THE ₱50,000-A-DAY presidential suite of St. Luke's Global City.

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New staff

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More parking

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24-hour concierge service

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Most expensive room

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All patients welcome

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Japan preparing for 'Big One' 15 years after Kobe quake

Quake-proofing technology

World's first

20-second notice

Killer quakes overdue

Bodies rot; Haitians mad, desperate; use corpses as roadblocks

Stench of death

Logistical nightmare



CATHEDRAL IN RUINS.

Scuffles for food

Pleas from the rubble

Worst disaster in UN history

Dead peacekeeper

Life goes on

Voices from rubble boost hopes 3 RP peacekeepers alive

Resilience

Lightning strikes twice

Helping hand

Like Armageddon

Haiti quake prods RP to gird for 'Big One'

LGU training

Prescriptions for Metro

Adhere to building laws

Fighting chance

Ambulances on C-130

Key strategies

Protect hospitals

Palace: Ampatuans lucky government didn't nuke them

Murder outweighs debt

GMA notes also from Cebu

RP's 'nightmare'

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OPINION

Name that pal

EDITORIAL

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How useful are presidential debates?

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

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Almost unbelievable

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

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New records set in 2009 surveys

SOCIAL CLIMATE



Mahar Mangahas

Needed: Strong Local School Boards

COMMENTARY

Juan Miguel Luz

Manual rather than failed elections

BUSINESS MATTERS



Ramon R. del Rosario Jr.

That expat feeling

YOUNG BLOOD

Jasmina Yuvia Jago

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS:

IN THE NEWS



Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes

PSC should not meddle in sports

Herbal medicines beneficial to people

Ways to ease Edsa traffic

Purity of intentions





Kris to critics: It's domestic not political issue

Neighbors

'Stop calling James'

She sends food



WHERE KRIS WAS AT Witnesses report that Kris Aquino allegedly shouted insults at Mayen Asuncion and her mother at the gate of their two-story house on Champaca Street corner Sampaguita in Valle Verde 6, Pasig City.



NEIGHBORLY Kris and James Yap are practically next-door neighbors of the Asuncions. Their house is at No. 33 Jasmin St. corner Champaca, Valle Verde 6. They reportedly sold the house and are moving out by the end of the month. Proceeds are reportedly earmarked for Sen. Noynoy Aquino, who's running for president.

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Fourteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9903]

AN ACT GRANTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM A ONE-TIME AUTHORITY TO CONDONE PENALTIES ON UNREMITTED OR DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYERS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Social Security Condonation Law of 2009".

SEC. 2. *Condonation of Penalty.* - Any employer who is delinquent or has not remitted all contributions due and payable to the Social Security System (SSS), including those with pending cases either before the Social Security Commission, courts or Office of the Prosecutor involving collection of contributions and/or penalties, may within six (6) months from effectivity of this Act:

(a) remit said contributions; or

(b) submit a proposal to pay the same in installments, subject to the implementing rules and regulations which the Social Security Commission may prescribe: *Provided,* That the delinquent employer submits the corresponding collection lists together with the remittance or proposal to pay installments: *Provided, further,* That upon approval and payment in full or in installments of contributions due and payable to the SSS, all such pending cases filed against the employer shall be withdrawn without prejudice to the refiling of the case in the event the employer fails to remit in full the required delinquent contributions or defaults in the payment of any installment under the approved proposal.

SEC. 3. *Installment Proposal.* - In the event that a delinquent employer chooses to submit an installment proposal, the SSS shall give due course to approve and grant the same, subject to the implementing rules and regulations as the Social Security Commission shall prescribe: *Provided,* That the employer shall remit, upon submission of the installment proposal, a downpayment of not less than five percent (5%) of its total contribution delinquency: *Provided, further,* That the employer shall remit the balance thereof in equal monthly installments within a period not exceeding forty-eight (48) months from the date of approval of the proposal: *Provided, finally,* That the installment payments shall bear an interest of three percent (3%) per annum.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity of Condonation.* - The penalty provided under Section 22(a) of Republic Act No. 8282 shall be condoned by virtue of this Act when and until all the delinquent contributions are remitted by the employer to the SSS: *Provided,* That, in case the employer fails to remit in full the required delinquent contributions, or defaults in the payment of any installment under the approved proposal, within the availment period provided in this Act, the penalties are deemed reimposed from the time the contributions first become due, to accrue until the delinquent account is paid in full: *Provided, further,* That for reason of equity, employers who settled arrears in contributions before the effectivity of this Act shall likewise have their accrued penalties waived.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Social Security Commission shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* - In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

PROSPERO C. NOGRALES
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 5922 and Senate Bill No. 2454 was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on October 14, 2009 and November 9, 2009, respectively.

EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP
Secretary General
House of Representatives

Approved: **JANUARY 7, 2010**

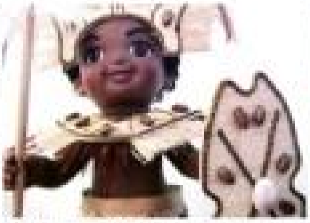
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

INQUIRER Visayas

Festivals of faith, culture, revelry

Grandest 'Sinulog' celebration









A longer, bigger Ati-Atihan

Dinagyang: A world-class community event

Across the NATION

1,300 shotguns out in the streets

Pangasinan village execs hold on to guns as Braganza warns of 'war zone'

VILLASIS, PANGASINAN—NOT ONE OF THE shotguns issued by the provincial government to 1,300 village chiefs has been surrendered to the police.

Biggest mall in Visayas, Mindanao to rise in Cebu

New ball game

Not another complex



UNSPOILED

Caticlan airport: 'Dream about to come true'

Straight to Boracay

BOT project

Longer runway



NEWSBRIEFS

2 dead in collision

Mayor for 5 months

Gun ban 'worthless'

3 kids die in fire

Noy, Mar call for justice for slain volunteer

No reason to fear

Active organizer



Town back on its feet holds festival

By Gabriel Cardinoza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

HOMETOWN Snapshots

'Solid North' backs Bello, Marcos, other Ilocano bets

ZAMBALES PARTY



1,000 students tested for drugs

Melindo wrests WBC Int'l Youth title; Banal stops foe

Syrians best Smart Gilas five missing Sampson



Rodriguez tops RP Ladies Open

Ex-jungolf ace wins by 7; Ikeda trips

Alaska launches Ironkids series

Let's help this noble warrior save sick kids

BARE EYE

SPORTSWATCH

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Murakami 2 off leader in Asian Tour qualifier



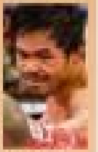
Hot Giants stall Aces; Tigers whip Painters

By Cedelf P. Tupas



CLOTTEY BOUT

Bet odds balloon for Manny



PACQUIAO

Aplus Metro

BIR threatens to seize Makati assets

A TOP OFFICIAL OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL Revenue (BIR) has threatened to file charges and seize the assets of the Makati City government if it fails to comply with an order of the Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) to pay P1.2 billion in supposed unremitted national taxes, Mayor Jejomar Binay said.

MetroBriefs

Belo wants case dismissed

Floods in Munti villages subside

Dump truck kills hitchhiker

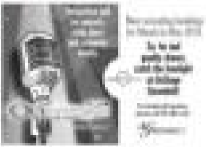
Cash aid for shoemakers

Cory monument in Manila

Major Navotas roads closed

Mangudadatu kin duped by con men posing as cops





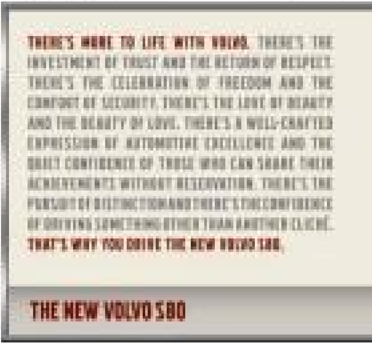


We should be prepared for disasters



Minimize trash, Santo Niño revelers urged

BIR



US backs Google in China spat, seeks explanation



Injured woman gets new windpipe





The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziálcita

Many Obama pledges unkept after a year

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ends his first year in office with his to-do list still long and his unfulfilled campaign promises stacked high.



OBAMA

$90 billion: Obama seeks bank tax to recoup bailout

Suicide bomber kills 20 in Afghanistan

SINULOG FESTIVITIES AT SM CITY CEBU







BUSINESS

₱52-B Laiban contract seen sealed by March

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Stocks dip



MWSS awaiting 'technical documents' from San Miguel

US joins WTO case over RP alcohol tax

Jusmag property attracts six real estate bigwigs

BCDA expects to earn P6.5B from deal

Canada miner eyes RP gold concessions

P52-B Laiban contract seen ...

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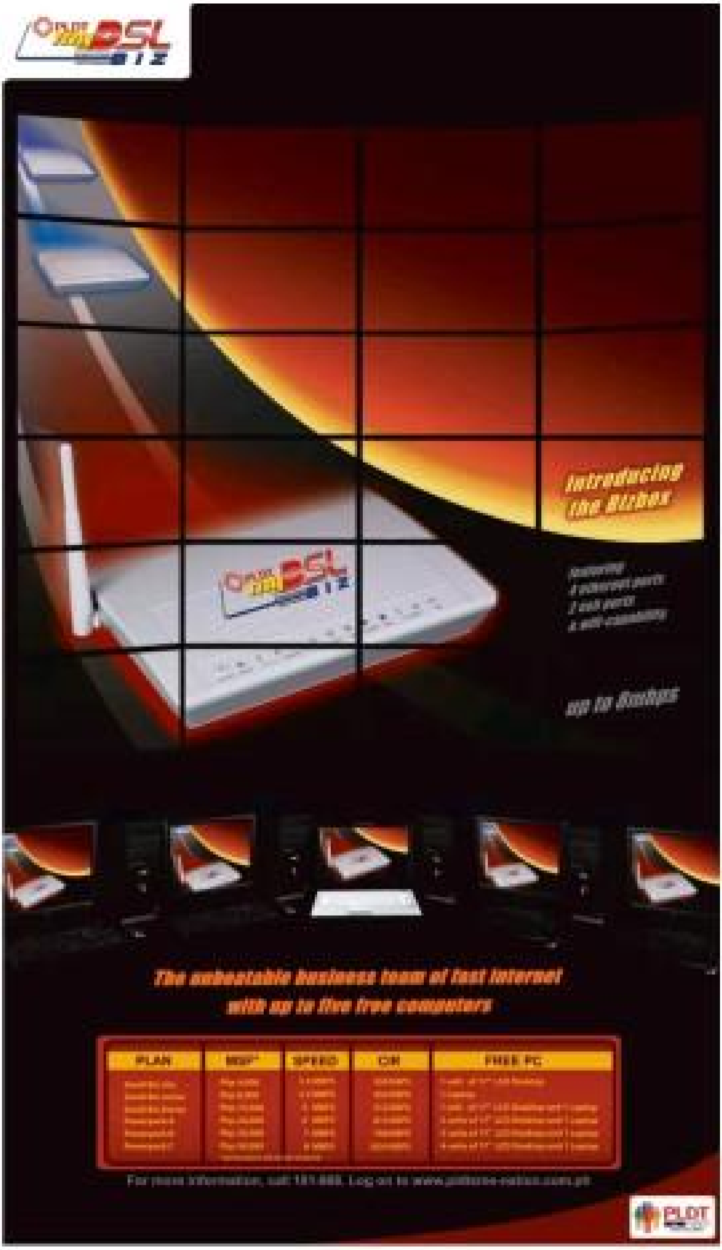
Philippine Stock Exchange

Bank lending up by 6.6% in Nov.



Interest rates expected to remain low

VMC posts 25% growth in profit



Business

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Request for Expression of Interest for CADASTRAL SURVEY PROJECT

Remittances rose by 11% in Nov.

By Michelle V. Remo

PPA stops North Harbor takeover

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Napocor outlines thrusts for 2010

By Amy R. Remo



Editor Cesar O. Mangawang

PROPERTY



8 trends coming out this year, no matter what

By Tessa R. Salazar

THE FOLLOWING 8 REAL estate "upheavals" are bound to happen, according to veteran analysts and top property developers. So, no matter the election outcome, or what your feng shui expert says, if you're keen on investing in property in this year of the Golden (not Metal) Tiger, it would pay to take note of these trends.

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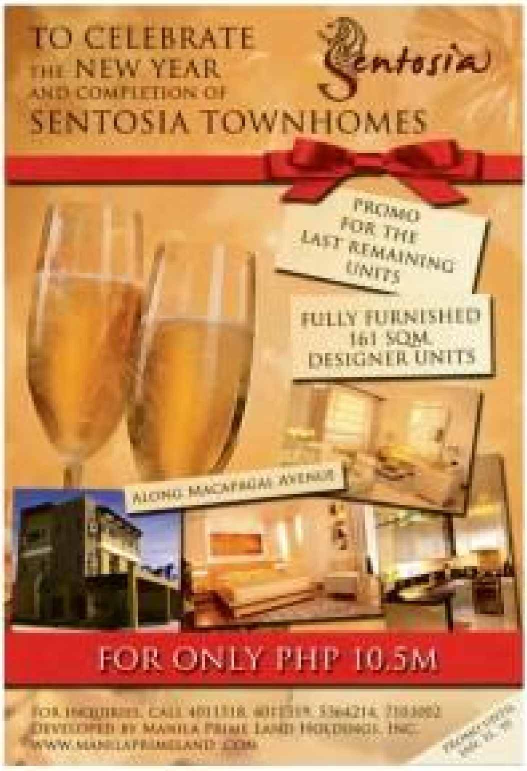
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Reorienting architect to see more green

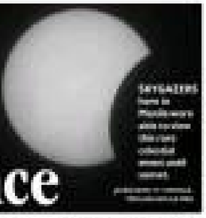
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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Rare sky event rekindles interest in science



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Spectacular

Practice seeking for improved finding



DISCOVER

Maxxie Santos Ballon

Series of tests

Examining X-ray images

New year: a resolution for a healthier you



MEDICAL FILES

Rafael Castillo, M.D.

Attitude

Rest, relaxation, recreation

Relationships

PROPERTY

The stunning art of the Asmat



DESIGN DIMENSIONS

Isabel Berenguer Aznar

2 aspects of existence

A pair of Asmat shields



A PAIR of Asmat shields

Vertical greenery

GREEN ARCHITRENDS



Amando de Jesus

Primary goal

Why green walls?

How it is done





VERTICAL greenery in the reconstructed Louis Vuitton building consists of a changeable arrangement of topiaries or greenery...

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GREEN PROJECT



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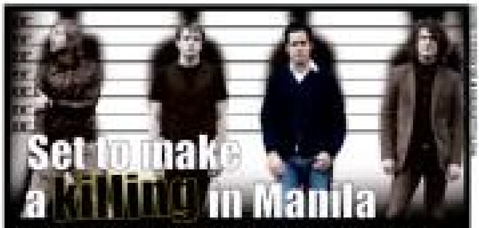


A return to old-school COOL

Ne-Yo channels the easy charm and coolness of the Rat Pack with his album, 'The Year of the Gentleman'

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, NE-YO takes inspiration from the original Rat Pack, particularly crooners Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis, Jr. "But not really the big band sound,

A RETURN C2



Set to make a killing in Manila

Ronnie Vannucci Jr., drummer of fabulous punk-pop quartet The Killers, talks to Super on the band's forthcoming Manila gig

LET'S SET THINGS STRAIGHT: there's never been any hint of misanthropy in the name. Simply, it was inspired by a fictitious band that appeared in a video by New Order.

Meet Ronnie Vannucci Jr.: one-fourth of Las Vegas' chart-topping, Grammy-nominated punk-pop prodigies The Killers. With Brandon

SET TO C2



Return to old-school cool

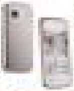


Nokia 5230 rocks the crowds with a touch of color









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Nokia IAC: Your source of free music

'How I Met Yo

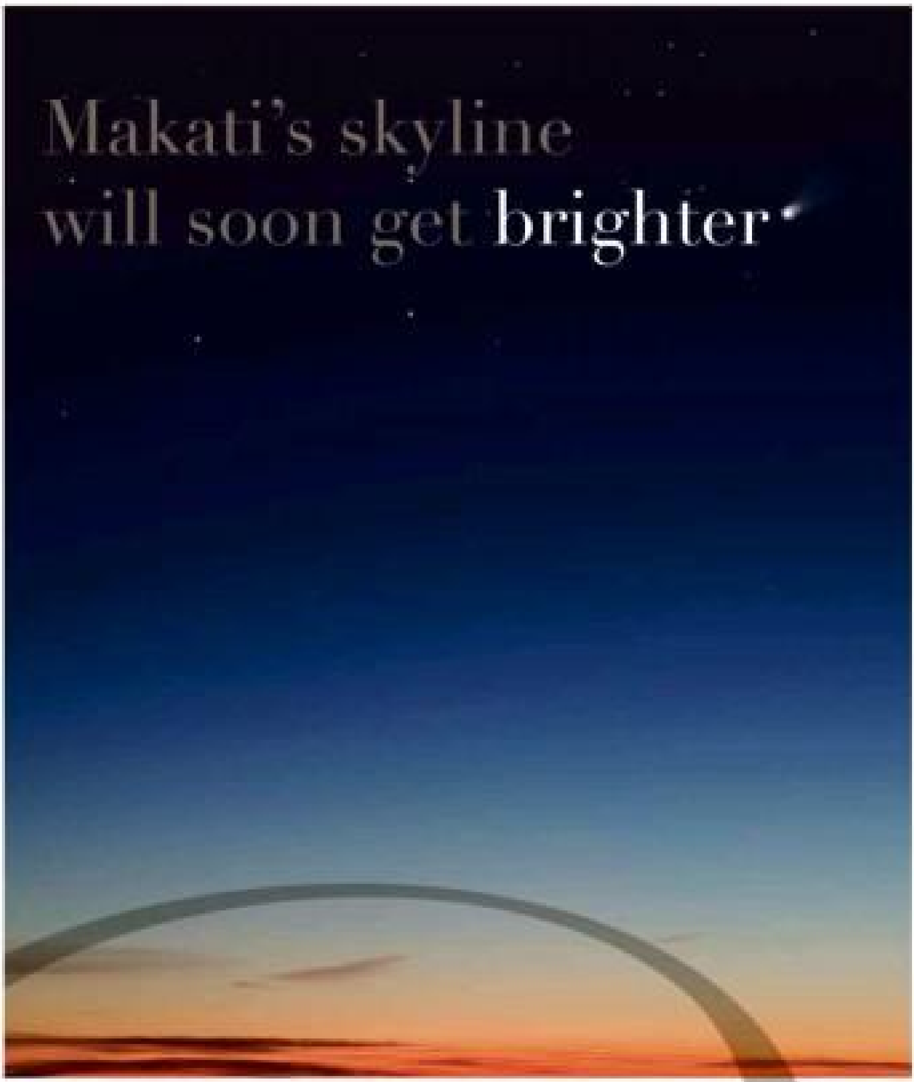
Set to make a killing of Manila



...ur Musical'






Makati's skyline
will soon get brighter

2bU LifeStyle
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Contributing Editor Evelyn Cabal



She makes learning 'quick and dirty writing tips' fun SHE WILL help you with your English troubles

Meet Grammar Girl



By Jesse Ramon Rega
Studio correspondent
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GRAMMAR GIRL HERE. Today's topic: Who versus Whom."

This line was not taken from someone's attempt at making learning English sound "cool." It's not from a kids' TV show either. It came from an educational podcast that started nearly three years ago called "Grammar Girl." And it's become one of the other music artists on my mp3 player.

You've probably heard of a podcast before. They're digital audio or video files released episodically on websites that you can then download to your mp3 player or, okay, iPod.

Lately I've been raving about them because, one, I'm majoring in Communication and I have to be an expert in grammar. Two, "Grammar Girl" has got me hooked!

To study grammar is normal. But to get obsessed with it is a different thing.

The "Grammar Girl" audio podcast from the Quick and Dirty Tips network (www.quickanddirtytips.com) provides short, easy and friendly tips to improve your writing. The show covers topics ranging from general grammar, word choice, punctuation, common mistakes and grammar myths to proofreading, formal and business writing, style, etymologies, even podcast production.

In episode 56, "Grammar Girl" gave out tips for generating story ideas. She also answers grammar questions in her show—those kinds of questions we always asked ourselves but never bothered to find out.

She encourages everyone to submit them through e-mail or voicemail. Most of her episodes revolve around questions asked by editors, teachers, college students and young writers.

Fun rules

Mignon Fogarty, the voice behind and creator of the show, uses fictional characters like Squiggly, Aardvark and Mr. Froggles to provide easy examples of confusing grammar rules. In the end of each show, she gives out memory tricks she calls "quick and dirty tips" to help you remember the Whats and the Hows of grammar.

The "Grammar Girl" podcast has won many awards, including last year's Best Education Podcast award in the Podcast Awards, an annual set of awards given to the best podcasts as voted on by listeners.

Fogarty, a BA graduate in English with an MS degree in Biology, is the founder and managing director of the Quick and Dirty Tips Network, which houses other great podcasts like "The Modern Mentor," "The Nutrition Diva" and "The Mighty Mommy."

Her podcasting has led her to write two books: "The Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing," which became a New York Times best seller, and "The Grammar Devotional," written in a tip-of-the-day format, just like "The Daily Bread."

She narrated in one of her episodes that one of the things that pushed her "over the edge" to start the "Grammar Girl" podcast, back when she was a technical writer, was her clients' constant misreading of the proper use of "that" and "which."

Friendly guide

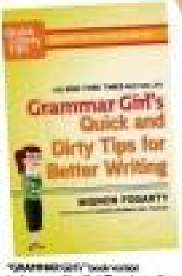
Other than that, "Grammar Girl" came to exist because of Fogarty's strong belief that learning is fun—that the way rules of grammar can be a wonderful lifelong study.

Your friendly guide in the writing world also plays in writing contests and awards in her show. It's a great way to apply what you've learned and test your writing powers.

Aside from memory tricks and writing tips, "Grammar Girl" also gives out free books, via raffle, every week if you're subscribed to her e-newsletter—which also gives free content, e-books, audiobooks and links to other great stuff.

Whether you're writing for a local publication, a school paper or a blog, you can never go wrong with listening to "Grammar Girl." Her show is sure to help you become a better writer.

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"GRAMMAR GIRL" book version has become a New York Times best seller

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Local Writer Publishes Fantasy Tales Book - The World of Havenor

New Book is a Series of Fantasy Short Stories That Highlights a Conquered People's Desire for Freedom from an Evil Empire

Cebu City, Philippines – Since he was young, local writer Cielo Camacho enjoyed the immersive escapades of the fantasy genre through reading books, watching movies and interacting through role-playing games. Through the years, he developed his writing skills and created his own fantasy saga. With the help of self-publishing industry leader Xlibris, his saga comes to life in his new book called The World of Havenor (ISBN: [illegible]).

The World of Havenor is a series of short stories that follows the trials of seven people who share one common dream—freedom from the evil clutches of the Havenian Empire. Readers will meet Sema, a teenager whose mutation gives her the ability to manipulate metal through touch and focus; Rally, a navigator who was banished from the colonial forces; Brok, a former knight who leads a treasure hunting team to aid his kingdom's poor people; Savannah and Saga, siblings who wield magical powers that reflect their respective differences; Ryder, a young explorer who searches for lost books of ancient magic spells; and Laelia, the daughter of a freedom fighter who is about to realize her destiny.

Almost a hundred years have passed since the day the empire invaded their world. Through the decades, the Havenorians have lived in fear and could only struggle with oppression and abuse from the technology-armed colonists. Making matters worse is the impending arrival of Emperor Brutius, who intends to make Havenor the new home world for his eight hundred million Vanduinians. As such, the Havenorians must unite and organize the fight for freedom before it is too late.

"I always wanted to create a fantasy franchise that reflects many lessons from world history. As such, my stories deal with realistic elements like civil rights, colonization, adventuring, oppression and growing up. As for the characters I created, I treat them like they are real people and I believe readers can relate with them. Havenor is a massively beautiful world that readers should discover," Camacho describes his book.

Filled with action-packed adventures, heavy drama, and mysticism, The World of Havenor offers readers a unique fantasy experience like no other. This release comes with a fantastic cover art illustrated by acclaimed American artist Dheeraj [illegible]. Readers who wish to order a copy of this book are encouraged to visit www.Xlibris.com, or send an email to orders@xlibris.com today.



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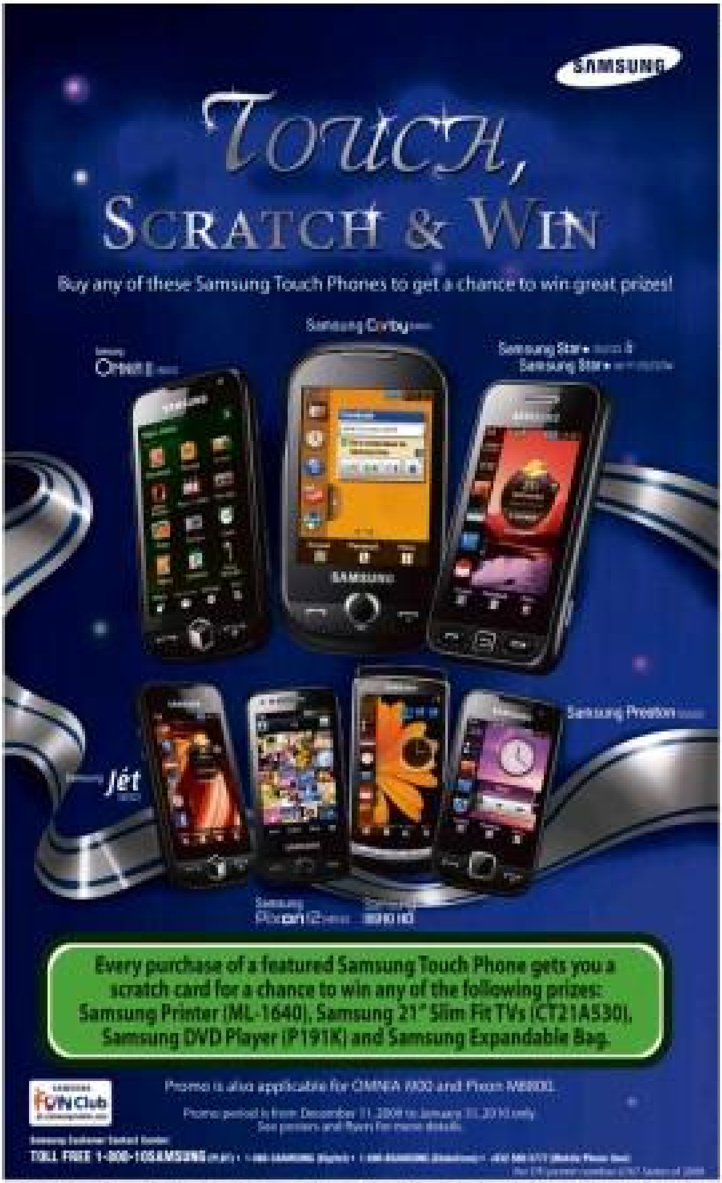


Street style–Cebu edition

SPOTTED

These kids from the South know their fashion







'Sir Pagsi'–champion of the youth



Super LifeStyle

The bra brigade

Last weekend, countless women announced their bra colors on Facebook in an attempt to raise cancer awareness. Here's why I didn't join



By [illegible]

THE ACTION STARTED ON Saturday morning. I woke up, logged into Facebook and received a message from a friend in New York which she sent to about twenty other friends. "Write the color of your bra as your status, just the color, nothing else! Copy this and pass it on to all females ... NO MEN! It will be fun to see how it spreads ... Let's have fun! And—as you do this—keep all the women who have breast cancer in your prayers."

The message explained how fun it would be to keep the men wondering why all the girls have colors in their status message.

"Ok," I thought, moving on to the next message.

But soon it became obvious that not ev-

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A weekly directory of the country's best establishments: Where to Stop, Where to Go

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Café Jeepney makes Cebu stopover

CEBU, "THE QUEEN CITY of the South" is Café Jeepney's opening salvo for its 2010 series of Filipino food promotions. From Jan. 13 to 31, InterContinental Manila's jeepney-themed coffee shop will [illegible] ... As part of the hotel's 40th anniversary celebration, patrons will have a chance to win trips to dream destinations. [illegible]

Café Jeepney's buffet spread is available for lunch, 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Sunday and dinner 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday. [illegible] For reservations, please call 793-7000.



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The Malayan Plaza's glad tidings for 2010



A NEW YEAR BEGINS. WE LEAVE THE TIRED old troubles of 2009 behind and instead, welcome the hope that 2010 brings. [illegible]

The Malayan Plaza welcomes the expectations of 2010 with a "Glad Tidings" package. From Jan. 15 - 31, book a studio superior room for only P3,999 net per night or a one-bedroom deluxe for only P4,499 net per night. [illegible]

Managed by Quinnovo Hotels and Resorts, The Malayan Plaza Hotel, located along ADB Avenue corner Opal Road in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, [illegible]

This "Glad Tidings" promo is valid only for local residents and foreigners with ACR. For more information and room reservations, please call [illegible]



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24/7 SUPER RADAR

By Jaelee Caracio-Diaz

AFTER ALL THAT POST-holiday partying, there's definitely more to come. Manila is just full of surprises and here's what's in store for this week.









CATCH the premiere of Peter Quilter's romantic comedy

Tours, Leisure & Chow

Have a culinary journey to Peru at Basix



WINGS AND BEER AT THE VUE BAR!

Discover something new at Hyatt Hotel

The bra brigade

Zebra stripes

A lot of attention



Divided

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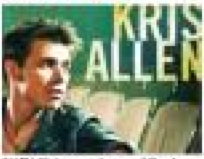
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IN THIS ISSUE

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SATURDAY Special

Catchy tunes, feisty renditions spice up Allen-Lambert square off



ALLEN. His boy-next-door sensibility gives him accessibility



LAMBERT. Astounding range and show-stopping theatricality

By Rito P. Asilo

THE VICTORY OF KRIS ALLEN OVER Adam Lambert was "American Idol's" biggest shocker last year. We're not saying that Season Eight's winner isn't talented. In fact, if you listen to Allen's eponymously titled first album, you'll realize he's truly more than just a pretty face.

But, Lambert is clearly in a league of his own. The androgynous musical-theater alumnus is his batch's most gifted singer, but more—a prodigious performer whose sturdy pipes and take-no-prisoners performing approach could make even the talent search's previous winners shake in their boots.

Testament

"For Your Entertainment," Lambert's "official" debut collection, is testament to his immense musical gifts. (His entertaining but technically inferior compilation, "Take One," recorded pre-"American Idol," was released a

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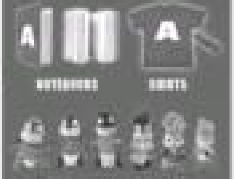
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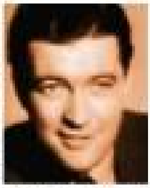


Taylor Swift voted Entertainer of the Year

Ubiquitous

Mixed blessing

Tinseltown's ladies' man was a faithful husband



MORGAN: His "biggest break" turned out to be a disappointment.

Gigantic tower

Best friend

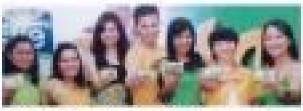
Modestly aside, running in condition and other boob-tube booboos



Controversy

Vacation

New shows and episodes on Nickelodeon



MONTAGE

'Love 2 Love 2 Love' is back

Paulinian diamond celebration

'San Rocks Tiendesitas'

'Brothers and Sisters'

Bonding moments with Oreo

Movies on TV

Catchy tunes, feisty renditions . . .

Delicious hybrid

Strengths

SATURDAY Special





Theater owners hail Sandra Bullock as 2009's top star

Football drama



THE TALENT search's judges expertly separate the musical grain from the discordant chaff.

'Idol' gets off to a brisk start

Insightful critiques

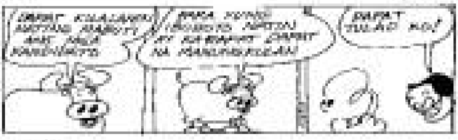


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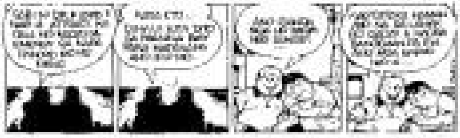
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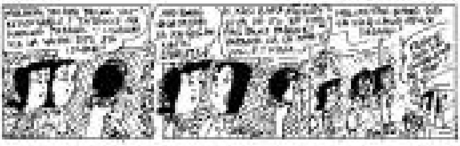


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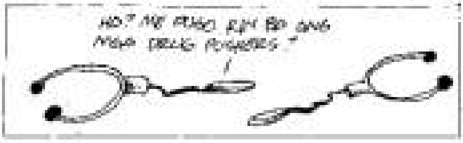
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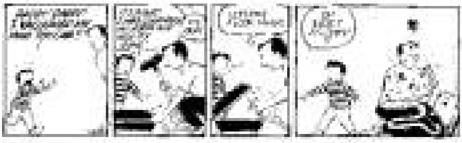
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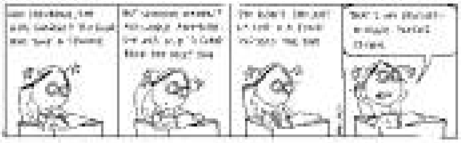
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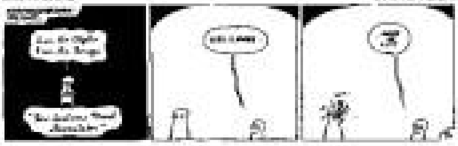
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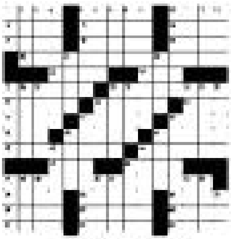


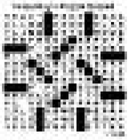
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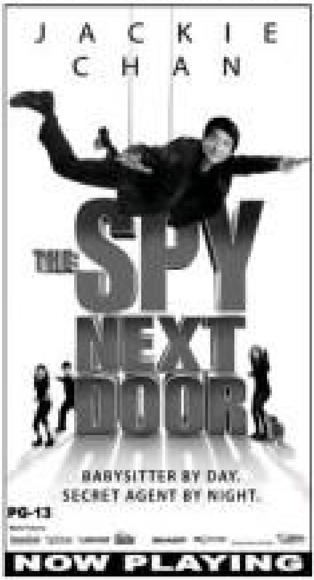
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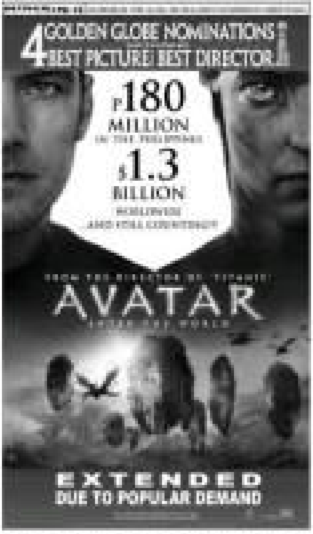
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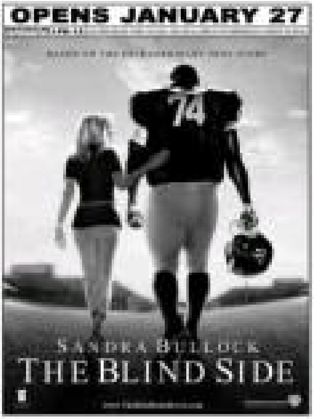
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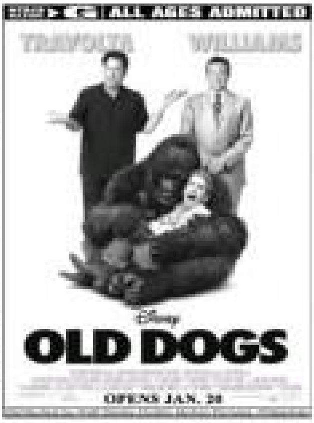
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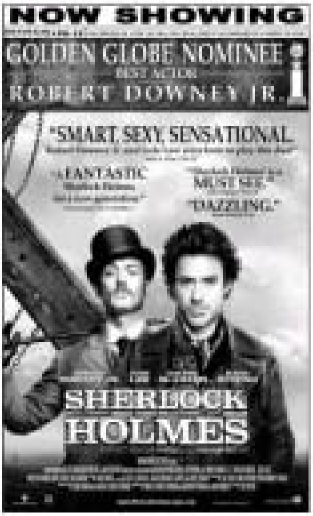


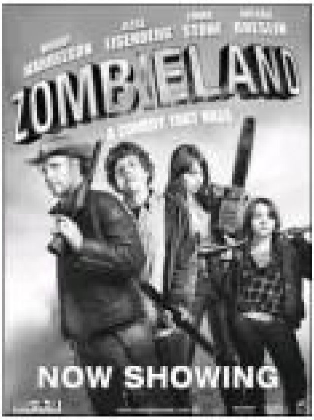

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Miss Golden Globe wants to be on host Ricky Gervais' good side



SPENCER. Alfre Woodard's daughter will assist at this year's Globes ceremony.

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LOS ANGELES—"RICKY Gervais has a kind of wicked, fun sense of humor, so I want to stay on his good side," quipped Mavis Spencer, Alfre Woodard's daughter, who will be assisting in the Golden Globe Awards show that will be hosted by the British comedian on Sunday.

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Long tradition

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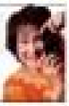
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Homage to priesthood

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Mandy Navasero





ONE of the images of the Child Jesus on exhibit.

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Devotees

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Therein lies a tale



By Ninotchka Rosca [illegible]

FOR SOME YEARS NOW, SATURDAY Special has been running Yuletide stories for young readers during the Christmas season.

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Alternative route

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Insights for the new year

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Jessie's creative culinary treats

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